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1. AS FOOTNOTE TO, AND REINFORCEMENT OF, AMBASSADOR'S
RECOMMENDATION IN REF A THAT THIS MISSION AND EMBASSY ROME
BE AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK TO ITALIANS ABOUT EC-CYPRUS
RELATIONS, WE REPORT HERE A FURTHER COMMENT ON EC-CYPRUS
RELATIONS FROM A DANISH PERMDEL OFFICIAL. JANUARY 11
DANISH OFFICIAL TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT IN PREPARATION
FOR JANUARY 12 COREPER MEETING, WHERE CYPRUS IS TO BE
DISCUSSED, HE HAD TOLD ITALIAN PERMDEL OFFICIAL THAT AT
COREPER DANISH PRESIDENCY AND SOME OTHER EC MEMBERS WOULD
PRESS ITALIANS HARD TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON INTERIM
TRADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CYPRUS. ACCORDING TO DANE, HIS
ITALIAN COLLEAGUE SUGGESTED THAT ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE
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WOULD WELCOME FURTHER ARGUMENTS ON CYPRUS' BEHALF, SINCE
IT IS THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WHICH IS BEING
OBDURATE, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY COULD USE ADDITIONAL
ARGUMENTS TO TRY TO MOVE THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

2. THE FACT THAT THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAVE ADVISED
COREPER (AND THE EC COUNCIL) TO TAKE A "BROADER VIEW" OF

EC TRADE RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS (REF B) TENDS TO
CORROBERATE IMPLICITLY (IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY KNOWN
ITALIAN DISSENT AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING) THE
ITALIAN PERMREP OFFICIAL'S SUGGESTION THAT THE ITALIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOT AVERSE TO ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION
ON BEHALF OF CYPRUS. HINTON

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